

THE VALLEY CITY.

A MOVEMENT FOR REFORM. A MOVEMENT AND REFORM.

To Issue Bonds—Is Undecided—A So-called Madstone—Its History—An Approaching Marriage—Briefs—Personal.

STAUNTON, VA., April 8.—(Special.)—Staunton, Va. is "in it" with some of her sister cities, in striving to solve the question of reduction of city expenses, and they're talking of slicing salaries.

Of course, this movement is not music to the drawers of city salaries. The city, having out \$75,000 of 6 per cent. bonds, subject to call shortly, proposes to issue a series of twenty thirty-year 4-1/2 per cent. bonds, from the sale of which it will retire the 6 per cent.

The Council has just authorized City-Treasurer Arista Hoge to have prepared and issue coupon bonds to the amount of \$75,000, said bonds to be in sum of \$20, or multiples thereof, these bonds to be exempt of taxation for city purposes. Already, though the bond forms have not been engraved, bids are in from Baltimore, Detroit, New York, and other cities, and it is believed that the issuance of the "baby bonds" will find many local investors. In this way a saving of interest rate will result to the city's coffers, and, besides a goodly sum of interest, will be retained and earned by small local investors.

Mr. R. H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, has been in the city for several days.

IS UNDECIDED. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Boyd, of this city, who at the recent session of the Baltimore Conference was made presiding elder of the Washington District, left during the week for his new field of labor. Dr. Boyd has not yet determined whether he will accept the call to Washington. Either position is favorably located for his work, which covers the field of Washington, District of Columbia, Alexandria city and county, and Loudoun, Fauquier, Fairfax, Stafford, Prince William, and part of Rappahannock.

The Rev. Mr. Prettymann, of Martinsburg, W. Va., formerly of Lexington, who succeeds Dr. Boyd in the Staunton pastorate, is expected to arrive here on Monday. Mr. William G. Gwatkin, of Richmond, was in the city this week.

Mr. B. F. Humphreys, who was stricken with paralysis a few days ago, is improving, and his friends expect to see him out on the streets again on late date.

The Rev. W. J. E. Cox, of Baltimore, formerly pastor of the Staunton Baptist church, will lecture here Thursday night, the proceeds of the lecture to be for the benefit of the building fund of the Baptist church. The congregation is moving to build a new church. Mr. Cox will take as his theme "An Evening with James White Riley."

Senator Edward Echols, chairman of the Democratic County Committee, announces the holding of district meetings throughout Augusta for the nomination of candidates for the coming general election. The meetings to be held Saturday, May 1st, at Staunton, and at other places.

Mrs. Henry E. Brown has received a check for \$3,000, the amount of the policy on the life of her husband, who died a short time ago.

RED MEN. The Grand Annual Council of the Improved Order of Red Men will be held here May 19th, and the local Red Men are preparing to bury the hatchet of hospitality to the guests of their visitors, and will give them a royal welcome.

A few days ago some seventy-five or one hundred persons from this section left to make their homes in North Dakota. They are going to the Government land. The larger part of these home-seekers go from Rockingham.

Mr. William P. Summerson has been elected by Staunton Lodge, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks, delegate to the Grand Lodge, which meets next at Minneapolis.

Two suits have been instituted against the city of Staunton in the Circuit Court, wherein Mr. W. H. Hyer is plaintiff in one action, and his wife plaintiff in the other. Damages being laid respectively at \$100,000 and \$50,000. It is understood that negligence is alleged, by which, in the great flood here last September, two houses belonging to the plaintiffs were well nigh demolished.

Mr. John L. Adams, of Staunton, who is the possessor of a so-called madstone. It was given to him by his father, Mr. N. B. Sheppard, by whom it was received from Mr. C. C. King, a long-remembered citizen of Staunton, who found it in 1822 on Cow-Pasture river, where the stone is said to have been taken from a deer's stomach. The stone is of light-brown color, oval-shaped, though its longer axis and sides are rather flattened. A shell-like, rugged formation covers one side, and the stone is of great weight.

It is said that the madstone has been successfully applied, in a number of cases of snake and mad-dog bite, and has always effected a cure. The Rev. Dr. A. Quarles, of Lexington, will deliver the baccalaureate address at the commencement exercises of the Valley Seminary, at Waynesboro.

The City Democratic Committee has decided to nominate for City Treasurer, so far no opposition to Treasurer Arista Hoge, who has made an excellent record, has been heard of.

Justice Landers' report for March shows fines imposed \$119.50, and costs \$19.94, of which \$1.25 were collected.

Dr. Newton Waynes, of the new court building, is being repaired. Since Rockbridge and Rockingham, our adjoining sister counties, have begun the erection of new court-houses, there are those who regret the improvement of Augusta's present hall of justice, and want to see a new court-house commensurate with the needs and ability of this great county. The county is free from debt, and the question of a new court building is being discussed. So far no tangible steps have been taken, however.

The American Bonding and Security Company, of the services of ex-Congressman Harry St. George Tucker as its general counsel for the State of Virginia.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Mr. Philip T. Allen, of Wheeling, W. Va., to Mr. Charles R. Caldwell, of this city. The ceremony will be quietly solemnized May 12th at Allendale, the handsome suburban home of Colonel George Adams, the bride's father. Mrs. Allen is a charming and handsome young widow, a graduate of the Augusta Female Seminary, for several years, where she is popular in social circles. The groom is a prominent young business-man. He is senior member of the Caldwell-Sites Book Company, and is also general bookkeeper of the Augusta National Bank.

Mrs. Marion Butler, wife of United States Senator Butler, of North Carolina, is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Sites, south Market street. Miss Olive Gorin, of Louisville, Ky., is in town visiting Senator and Mrs. Edward Echols.

Meeting of Dove Lodge. The stated communication of Dove Lodge, No. 41, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, will be held in the Masonic Temple to-night at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be a very interesting one and there will be work in the third degree.

THE RACKET SALE.

will demonstrate this morning the raking up of \$27,200 worth of goods from the four corners of the store, whether remnants or not—all thrown out on various counters in the many various departments at a price break that will be as new as the Racket Sale itself.

THE REMNANT DAY.

as usually understood here, bears the simplest form of bargain selling in comparison with this occasion.



We give a few sample prices from various departments.

ALL THE HOUSEKEEPERS IN RICHMOND SHOULD BE HERE TO-DAY.

WELL SELL DRESSES. but on this occasion we'll have to charge extra for any alteration.

1 Serge and Cheviot Suits, prices from \$3.50 to \$15, for \$5.

2 Serge Suits that sold for \$7.50, racket price, \$2.50.

3 Cheviot Suits and Solid Eton Jacket, size 34, trimmed with braid, price was \$10.00, now \$5.

4 French Broadcloth Suits, lined through with cheviot, tulle, front jacket, tailor made, price was \$18, for \$12.50.

5 Colored Cheviot Dresses, very best tailoring, price was \$13.50, to sell for \$7.50.

FROM 9:30 TILL 10:30 O'CLOCK—Black Brocaded Brilliantine Skirts, lined, velvet finish, for 65c., best \$1.25 value.

3 Long Plaid Skirts that were \$3.50, for \$2.50 each.

2 Black Satin Skirts, well made, nicely lined, sold for \$3.50, to-day's price, \$3.

7 Black and White Check Skirts, the ones for 50c. each.

5 Black Brilliantine Skirts, from \$2 to \$3.25.

1 Ladies' Fancy Capes that sold from \$5 to \$7.50, your choice for \$2.50.

3 Cotton Convert Bicycle Suits, were \$3.50, now \$2.50.

Pieces and pieces of SILKS TO BE SOLD. Among them short lengths, 100 like this: Hand-Woven Black India Silk, 10 yds. long, for 25c. a yard.

5-1-4, 6-1-2 and 8-yard lengths, in Black Brocade India Taffeta Silk, for \$2.50 a yard.

Printed Foulard Silks, in 4-1-2 to 10-yard lengths, for 25c. a yard.

Large Satin, figured Gros-Grain Silks, in 5-1-2 to 7-1-2 yard lengths, for 65c. a yard.

Black Taffeta Silk, lengths 5 1-2 to 8 yards, for 50c. a yard.

Check Taffeta Silk, 3 1-4 to 5 1-2 yards, for 25c. a yard.

Two-Toned Figured Brocade for 25c. a yard.

Black All-Silk Double Twilled Surah for 25c. a yard.

Brocade Silk Grenadine, in 5 1-2 to 13 1-4 yard lengths, for 45c. a yard.

Black Satin Duchess, 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 yard lengths, for 30c. a yard.

Light-Green Summer Silk, with small figures, for 12 1/2c. a yard.

A CHANCE FOR LINES AT YOUR OWN PRICES: 33-1-2 yards 75c. Table Damask, best German Linen, 32c. a yard.

33-1-2 yards Scotch Table Damask, 27c. a yard.

21 yards 72-inch-wide Irish Linen Table Damask, 40c. a yard.

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61 Colored Bordered Linen Doilies, 2 1/2c. each.

12c. Linen Crash Towelling, 4c. a yard.

12c. Linen Sheer Blouse Linen Suiting, 4c. a yard.

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